

REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's requirement for elections of species, under 35 U.S.C. § 121, Applicant elects the following species:

(a) re the insulating and/or barrier layer:

silicon nitride (e.g., in Claim 8).

(b) re the terminal group of the cell adhesion promoter:

-NHCH₂CH₂NHCH₂CH₂NH₂ (e.g., Claim 10).

(c) re the cell adhesion inhibitor:

tridecafluoro-1,1,2,2-tetrahydrooctyl)-1-dimethylchlorosilane (e.g., Claim 11).

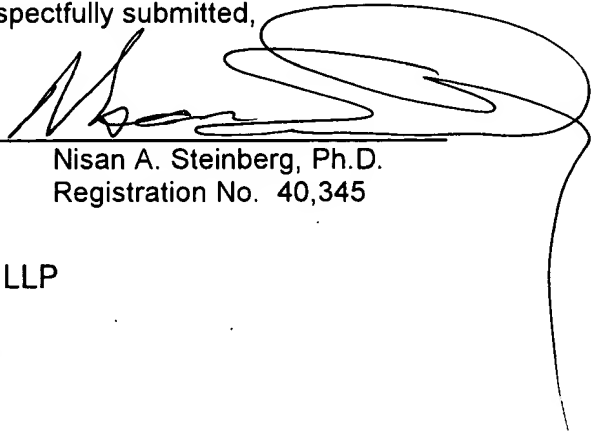
Applicant's election is made with a complete reservation of all rights under 35 U.S.C. § 121.

The Examiner stated in the Office Action issued on February 11, 2003, that upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims

to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim. The Examiner stated that currently Claims 1, 6, and 7 are generic to the species of (a); Claims 1, 9, and 10 are generic to the species of (b); and Claims 1, 9, and 11 are generic to the species of (c).

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